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**Statement of Glenn A. Fine
Inspector General, Department of Justice
on the death of Special Agent William “Buddy” Sentner**

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General (OIG) Special Agent William “Buddy” Sentner. Agent Sentner, 44, was shot and killed this morning in the line of duty as he was working as part of an OIG/Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) team to execute arrest warrants on six Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) Correctional Officers at the Federal Correctional Institution in Tallahassee, Florida. These six Correctional Officers were indicted yesterday on charges of conspiracy to sexually abuse female inmates and introduction of contraband into the BOP institution.

During the execution of the arrest warrant this morning, one of the Correctional Officers who was the subject of the warrant opened fire. During an exchange of gunfire, Agent Sentner was killed and a BOP Lieutenant was wounded. The BOP Correctional Officer who opened fire was also killed.

Agent Sentner joined the OIG’s San Diego Field Office in July 2002 and transferred to work for the OIG in Coleman, Florida, in August 2003. He began his federal law enforcement career with the U.S. Secret Service in October 1989 and served in the Secret Service Uniformed Division and its Phoenix Field Office before coming to the OIG. While with the OIG, Agent Sentner worked as both a polygrapher and a criminal investigator. Agent Sentner graduated from the University of Maryland with a B.A. in criminology in 1987, and he received an M.A. in public policy from Georgetown University in 1994.

“Special Agent Sentner was a dedicated law enforcement agent and a valued colleague and friend,” said Glenn A. Fine, Inspector General at the U.S. Department of Justice. “We are deeply saddened by this tragic loss. We will always remember and be grateful for the commitment to the Department of Justice and to our country made by dedicated law enforcement agents like Buddy Sentner.”

Agent Sentner is survived by his wife, parents, and two siblings. Funeral arrangements have not been finalized at this time.

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